

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 98-5-11**

Date Prepared: May 7, 1998

For Work Week Commencing: May 11, 1998

Business Meeting Date & Time: May 11, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the PSC's world wide web site at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. Glacier Elec & Flathead Elec Dockets D98.5.95 & D98.5.96 - Discussion and/or certification (5/11/98)
2. MPC Docket D97.7.90 - Discuss customer education, letter from MPC (5/11/98)
3. Russell B. Hill Docket N98.5.98 - Discuss letter, get direction from Commission (5/11/98)
4. L-97.1-RUL - SB376 rules gas restructuring - Post hearing discussion, direction, and action on proposed gas restructuring rules (5/11/98)
5. USWC EAS and other USW matters\* Dockets D97.10.206, D96.2.220, D96.8.131, and others - Follow up to previous work sessions, discussion, direction, action as necessary, if necessary (5/11/98)
6. USWC Docket D97.12.243 Win-Back Tariff - To continue the discussion held this week and to act on the filing (5/11/98)

7. USWC Docket N98.3.65 - Obtain direction for use of service quality penalty fund (5/11/98)
8. USWC Docket D97.5.87 - Discuss and address 271 Compliance matters as they arise (5/11/98)
9. L-98.5.1-RUL Utility Notice Rule - Discussion, direction, or action on draft utility notice rule (utility notice to customers of rate changes proposed)(5/11/98)
10. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. CLARK FORK TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. - Docket N98.4.87 (Bonnie)

On April 23, 1998, Clark Fork Telecommunications filed tariff revisions as follows:  
Section IV - Proposing a charge for line extensions greater than 2,500 feet (reduced from 5,000 feet); Section V - Offering unlimited Internet usage for \$19.95 and capping overtime charges for Plan 1 Internet use. *not*

2. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.4.91 (Nina)

On April 28, 1998, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 98-18 "Clean-Up Filing-Release Numbers." This filing corrects inconsistent Release Numbers impacted by the delay of approval of the Residential WinBack Tariff, and the order in which Start Up Business revisions and Coin Deregulation were approved.

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**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.4.90 (Tina)

On April 28, 1998, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 98-17 to add the description for Residence Voice Messaging Service, Extension Mailbox, to the definition section of the tariff. The service and the rates for the service were approved by the Commission in Docket N98.1.9. The definition was inadvertently omitted at that time. Also included is tariff code correction.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.4.92 (Vicki)

On April 28, 1998, US West filed tariff pages to introduce a surcharge of \$.30 on those 1-800-US WEST Calling Card completed calls which originate from pay phones. On October 7, 1997, the FCC mandated a \$.284 payment to payphone providers for dial around access. Dial around access includes 1-800 calls and 10XXX calls.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

Montana Power Company Docket D97.7.90 - NSA amending procedural schedule was served May 7, 1998

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-5-18**

Docket N98.4.90 USWC COMMUNICATIONS (Tina)  
Docket N98.4.92 USWC COMMUNICATIONS (Vicki)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D98.4.93 Pacific Power & Light - Application for Exemption  
N98.5.94 USWC - Grow Your Own Business Promo (Later determined No  
Commission Action Necessary)  
D98.5.95 Flathead Electric Coop - Transition Plan  
D98.5.96 Glacier Electric Coop - Transition Plan  
D98.5.97 USWC/Tri Touch America - Interconnection Agreement  
N98.5.98 Russell B. Hill -Opposition letter/MPC dam sale  
D98.5.99 CENEX - Name Change  
D98.5.100 USW Communications - EAS True Up